Waters and Sproat Found Guilty.

IT TOOK JUST THREE MINUTES.

There was a reign of dead silence in police court yesterday, when at three minutes past three o'clock, the jury in the Spreat-Waters criminal libel case, the Spreat-Waters criminal litter case, etired to deliberate. Not an inch of eneccupied space remained in the room. Gambiers and sports were packed in together like sardines in a box. The forcible argument of Prosecuting Attorney McKnight glued the spectators in their respective places. The charge of the judge was brief. He first explained what constituted crim-inal libet. "I charge you that the printing or publishing, orally or other-wise, of malicious or scandalous matter, such as would have a tendency to bring the person or persons implicated into public dispute, contempt or ridicule, constitutes the charge preferred against the respondents named in this complaint. If, however, it can be shown that there was justification, and that the article was published in good faith, then the respondents are not guilty. Justification constitutes the autotantiation of whatever is published. You must find that the prisoners at the bar are connected with the publication. I simply read the law to you and you must construe and apply it yourselves. It must be found that the article published in the Press on the morning of December 26, applies to the complainant in this case, and the different inneundes must be construed to be malicious and libelous. As in all cases of misdemeanor, the ter, such as would have a tendency construed to be malicious and libelous. As in all cases of misdemeanor, the respondents are entitled to the presumption of innocence until that presumption is removed by evidence. The burden of proof devolves upon the defendants. They must show that they were justified in printing the article."

The jury was out just three minutes. When it returned. Another death-like plence prevaded the room. Then the foreman arose, and to the question put by the clerk as to whether the verdict was guilty or not guilty, he clearly and distinctively replied "guilty."

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After a short interval Judge Haggerty asked if there was any reason why sontence should not be pronounced. Attorney McBride answered that there was none, and the judge said: "It is only the first offense of this nature that can be tried in this court. I understand the law to imply that the fullest extent shall be imposed. I fine each of you \$100 and the costs of the court. The latter which amounts to \$32, shall be divided between you."

An appeal was taken to the circuit court and a bond of \$600, signed by Patrick Finn, sr., taken for the due appearance of Messrs. Sproat and Waters.

Closing Arguments in the Trial.

The case was opened for the people at the morning session by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Malcomb who reviewed the evidence in the case, dwelling considerably upon the "fishy" nature of Crane's testimony, and the fact that all of his statements had been

refuted.

L. A. Ward opened for the defense and took advantage of every bit of testimony which he could twist in favor of his clients. During the course of his argument he made many valuable points. He claimed the article was justified because nething had been adduced by the people to show that the persons had not said that which was contained in the article.

James McBride closed for the defense and made an exhaustive argument, taking up the thread at the different places where Ward had dropped it. No

laces where Ward had dropped it. No one was left unturned to show that reat and Waters were justified in the blication of the item.

receruting Attorney McKnight and for the people: "The most pre-terous, outland-sh trash ever sworn posterous, outlanded trash ever sworn to on a witness stand was the story testified to by Crane. He is the man from whom all this information comes. He said certain men told him that Guy Johnston had told somebody else that money had been paid to Hurley to fix him. Each and every man with whom he claumed to have talked, came upon the stand here and put the lie in his mouth. Like all birds of prey he is constantly going about to seek whom he may devour."

"To Crane a Bird of Frey?"

McBride—"Is a crane a bird of prey?"

"Yes. He is a bird of prey, and eats mostly fish. No assuable man would place the slightest credence upon what he has said. It wasn't necessary to impeach him. His testimony is not in the case now, and I only allude to it. Under the circumstances, gentlemen of the jury, you must bring in a verdict of guilty. If you fail to convict the respondents you brand Lieut. Hurley as a corrupt officer, a tool and the creature of Gambler Johnston. It is clearly shown that this article is not true, and that there was no foundation in fact for it. This officer has a reputation which he has been fifteen years earning. There is not a spot or a blemich upon it. Without any cause whatever are you going to allow a newspaper to blast that reputation and ruin an innocent man? You are not see gentlemen. You must bring in a verdict of guilty."

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Several times McBride rose to a point of order and wanted the court to call the prosecutor to order.

BOTH WANT THE CHILD.

One week ago Alice Huff filed with the county clerk a bill for a divorce against her husband. Elmer Huff, alieging attreme crueity. The wife perested in retaining possession of their three-year-old daughter, Hazel. The husband also wanted the child, and the quation as to who was best fitted to have custody was submitted yesterday to Judge Adeit, who previously had made an order that the husband show cause why the wife should not keep Hazel. The defendant contended that Mrs. Huff was not a fit person and to

HURLEY IS ON TOP. charged with being disorderly. They were conversing in rather loud tones on Monroe street and were saked by a on Monroe street and were asked by a policeman to move on and go home. They declined the invitation and told the officer that they would go home when they got good and ready, accompanying their declaration with oaths. Ten minutes later both were enjoying the solitude of a cell at the police station. Pleas of not guilty were entered and an adjournment taxen to January 18.

IT MARRED HIS BEAUTY.

In the circuit court yesterday Lorenzo D. Blackman was attempting to recover damages from Frank Heath, in & suit of trespass on the case. The parties reside at Sparta. They were near the ratiroad depot one day, when Blackman talked sightingly of rieath's parents who were dead. The latter refused to allow his father and mother to be maligued when they were resting in their graves. He told Blackman to retract, which he refused to do. Head then jumped out of a carriage in which he was sitting and hit Blackman in the eye so farcibly that he has not yet recovered from the effects. The blow marred the complainant's beauty and otherwise bodily injured him. For all of which he expects Heath to settle in hard cash. The case will be continued today. of trespass on the case. The parties re-

SHE WAS A CRUEL WOMAN.

She Drove a Heree all Day and Left It Out in the Cold. Vernica Chapman, a weman about 40 years old, was arrested yesterday for cruelty to animals. She rented a rig from Tom Kelly, the liveryman on Grandville avenue, drove the horse all Grandville avenue, drove the horse all day, and at night tied it in front of the Fountain street Baptiat church, unblanketed. A lady living near took pity on the animal and put it in Gill's barn. Kelly notified Sheriff McQueen that the horse had been stolen, and deputies have been on the search for the past two days. Mrs. Chapman's offense lies in leaving the horse exposed to the cold for an unreasonable length of time. of time.

Items of the Courts

Lars Hansen is under arrest accused of having stolen a pocketbook containing a sum of money from the cloth es of a railroad man at the Union depot. He was arraigned in police court on the charge of simple larceny. He denies his guilt and will be tried January 18.

Charles F. Boyer swore out a warrant yesterday from Justice Brown's court for the arrest of Harry Ludington of Plainfield, charging him with commit-ting an assault and battery.

He Had too Many Lawyers Charles Nerton, confined in jail on the charge of rape, was to have had an examination yesterday. When the case was called two lawyers stepped forward and announced that they were the attorneys. Lawyer Dodge had been retained by the respondent, and Smedley by his friends. The latter withdrew and the case was set for Jappary 19

Sues the Owashtanougs,

Edgar C. Bearce, general manager of the Western Beef company, by his attorneys, Sweet and Perkins, began suit in the circuit court yesterday against the Owashtanong Boat club, planing damages at \$1000. The plaintiff furnished the club beet, the bill of which amounted to \$642. He was unable to collect and files suit in consequence.

Wanted in Jackson, James D. Riley, wanted in Jackson for emblezziement, was arrested yesterday at Byron Center by Deputy Sheriff Leonard. The information was re-ceived here by letter from Sheriff Boyle of Jackson.

LAW AND LAWYERS. Circuit Court-Part 1

JUDGE GROVE. Wm. A. Swartz et al vs. Wm. T. Lam oreaux, assumpent; judgment for plain-tiff for \$182.89 and costs. orenzo D. Blackman Heatn; trespass on case.

Circuit Conrs-Part II,

Charles B. Pierce vs. C. and J. H. Joldersma; assumpsit; findings filed; judgment for defendant for costs. Frank Bonfoey vs. James Bayne, et al. chancery.

DID HE MEET FOUL PLAY?

A Plumber Disappears on the Night of His Pay Day.

Wednesday morning John Paeder, 32 rears old, working for Sprout & Mo-Gurrin at South Grand Rapids, went to work as usual. In the evening he did not return, and, as it was his pay day, his wife became somewhat concerned over his absence. She sat up and waited for him through the night. When yesterday arrived and he had not returned, she reported his disappearance to the police. She says that he aiways comes home regularly, and that she cannot account for his staying away. She thinks that in coming through the south yards he met with four play, as there are many tramps and desperate characters in the vicinity. It was accertained last evening that Pacder was seen in a saloon hear his home, No. 216 Waterloo street, about eleven o'clock Wednesday night. Up to a late hour last night he had not returned. not return, and, as it was his pay day,

Date Set for the Kent Fair. The directors of the Kent county ag ricultural society held a meeting in Secretary Cox's office, with closed doors. The business transacted was not given out for publication, although it was announced that they and established dates for their annual fair. The society's fair will be held this year on September 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23.

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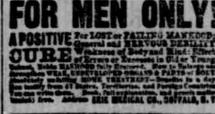
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